

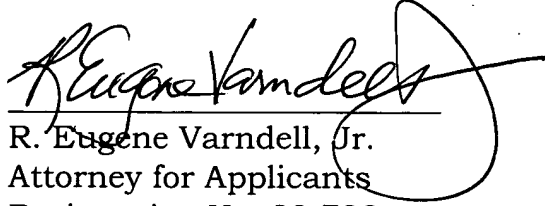
REMARKS:

In the foregoing amendments, claim 6 was amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 1 and 5-12 remain pending in the application for consideration. Claim 11 was allowed. Claims 1, 3, 5, 10, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent No. 4,533,254 of Cook et al. (Cook). Claims 2, 4, 6, and 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cook. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 5-10, 12 are patently distinguishable from the teachings of Cook within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for at least the following reasons set forth in the response after final filed on September 9, 2005.

Based on the above, a formal allowance of claims 1 and 5-12 is respectfully requested. While it is believed that all the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, should the examiner have any comments or questions, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be telephoned at the below listed number to resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee therefor, as well as any other fees which become due, may be charged to our deposit account No. 50-1147.

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